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Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA:

I am writing to urge you grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I am sure that you have heard all the arguments as to why downed animals should not be used for human meat consumption so I will leave you with this thought. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated...I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man." Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948).

Please help those that cannot help themselves. These animals die so we can have our BEEF at least allow them to die humanely! Thank you for your time concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

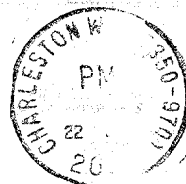


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